Law Enforcement Division Bi-Weekly Field Report 3/14/2016 – 3/27/2016

### **DISTRICT 1**

CO David Miller worked a nighttime spring fish run patrol on a local closed stream. CO Miller sat and watched the stream for 5 hours before making contact with a suspect. Upon making contact, CO Miller was able to locate a 28 inch steelhead and a fishing rod that broke down into small segments that could be concealed easily. The subject was cited for possessing a trout on a closed stream and the steelhead was seized.

COs David Miller and Steve Lockwood conducted an interview following a lengthy investigation regarding the illegal taking of furbearing animals. The interview led to a confession by the individual, who admitted to trapping and selling 31 pine marten and 14 fisher in 2015. The season bag limit is one of either animal. In addition to those that had already been sold, COs Miller and Lockwood were able to locate five more untagged pine marten and three more untagged fisher in the suspect's freezer. The case is being turned over to the Marquette County Prosecutor for review.

CO Matt Eberly was finally able to make contact with an individual from last fall that CO Eberly had an outstanding warrant for malicious destruction of property. The individual had tampered with a legally placed net. Law enforcement action was taken.

COs Matt Eberly and Steven Spiegel contacted several individuals during a fur harvester investigation. Two of the individuals they interviewed had warrants for their arrest out of Florida and also Houghton County. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Denny Gast received a complaint of a wolf mortality signal last week. CO Gast and a Wildlife Division biologist responded to the scene and were able to locate the collar which had been slipped off by the wolf from normal wear and tear.

COs Brian Lasanen and Mike Wells conducted several interviews as part of an ongoing fur harvester investigation. Law enforcement was taken for possession of untagged fisher and pine marten, using the kill tag of another and improperly tagged traps.

CO Ethen Mapes stopped a young man on an ORV in the village of Ontonagon for not wearing a helmet and no ORV license. CO Mapes contacted the juvenile's parents at the residence and explained the ORV regulations to both of them on the requirements to operate an ORV legally in Michigan.

CO Ethen Mapes was the closest law enforcement officer to a complaint in which a suspect was reported to be high on narcotics, intoxicated and violent. Before CO Mapes arrived at the residence, the suspect assaulted two individuals, including his girlfriend. CO Mapes was able to locate the suspect before backup arrived. Warrant

requests for assault, domestic assault and assault on a peace officer have been submitted to the Ontonagon County prosecutor for authorization

CO Ethen Mapes received a complaint that there were two young girls riding a four wheeler up and down the highway with no helmets on. CO Mapes was able to locate the young girls and determined they had been left home alone. CO Mapes contacted both parents and informed them that the two juveniles were operating an ORV while violating multiple laws. The juveniles were turned over to their parents.

CO Denny Gast located a "monster" truck on commercial forest land near M-26 tearing up the roadway. The operator had driven past several no trespassing signs and the truck did not have a license plate, no insurance and was not equipped with seatbelts. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO David Miller attended the UP Sport & RV show at the Northern Michigan University Superior Dome in Marquette. He worked the DNR booth and reported having many contacts with attendees and answering numerous questions. He also assisted two individuals with information on becoming a conservation officer.

CO Shannon Kritz and Kelly Ross stopped at a residence to interview a subject regarding trapping information. When the COs walked past the open garage door, two sets of deer antlers were observed with 2015 kill tags attached. While the subject was being interviewed, he mentioned that he shot a seven point buck this past deer season. When the subject and COs approached the garage to address the trapping questions, the subject changed his story and claimed that his daughter was the one that shot the seven point buck and that he shot a fork horn. Further into the interview the subject finally confessed he shot the seven point buck after he used his tag on the fork horn. He called his daughter and got consent to use her tag which happened to be at the camp. A follow up interview with the daughter revealed she was aware that her father was borrowing her tag since she did not have time to hunt. Enforcement action was taken for the sharing of tags.

CO Brett DeLonge participated in a recruiting career fair at Northern Michigan University. He reported a lot of interested applicants and a very good turnout at the event.

CO LeClerc received a complaint of a snowmobile trespassing on private property. The property owner obtained a picture of the snowmobile and rider. After interviewing the property owner, CO LeClerc launched an investigation into the rider's identity. The investigation is ongoing.

COs Brett DeLonge and Kyle Bader were on their way to interview subjects on possible trapping violations in Menominee when they observed an adult individual operating a small sized ORV along US-41. After the COs made contact with the operator he explained that he was looking for a coffee mug he had lost off of the side of his truck

earlier in the day. The individual explained that he could get a better look on the ground driving the ORV versus driving his truck. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge was checking anglers near the Lower Harbor area in Marquette when a "be-on-the-lookout" was sent over the radio about a possible intoxicated driver near his location. Within a minute of receiving the be-on-the-lookout, CO DeLonge observed the suspect vehicle driving erratically through a residential area. CO DeLonge observed the vehicle pull into a residence and hit the side of the house with the vehicle. After CO DeLonge activated the emergency lights on his vehicle the operator in the suspect vehicle continued to attempt to drive forward into the doorway of the house. CO DeLonge was able to get the passenger door of the vehicle open, reach in and pull the keys out of the ignition stopping the vehicle and preventing and further damage to the house. The extremely intoxicated driver had difficulty communicating with CO DeLonge and was unaware of what was happening. CO DeLonge requested assistance from the Marquette City Police Department with the situation. No injuries resulted from the driver's operation and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and CO Joel Lundberg contacted and conducted interviews with a Marquette county resident who had taken an over limit of pine martin. The subject also used the kill tag of another. The subject who loaned the kill tag was also interviewed. Confessions were obtained and enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Ryan Aho and CO Joel Lundberg contacted and conducted interviews with a Marquette County resident that had taken an over limit of pine martin and an over limit of fisher. The subject who loaned the kill tag was also interviewed. Confessions were obtained and enforcement action was taken.

# **DISTRICT 2**

CO John Wenzel attended the Northern Michigan University spring job fair. Many soon to be graduates were contacted about employment with the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division.

CO Brett Gustafson and CO Jason McCullough conducted interviews with several individuals identified as suspects in a fur harvest investigation. During the investigation it was learned that one of the individuals had trapped four pine marten this past season. The individual had convinced his, then girlfriend, to register the fur in her name. Unfortunately for the individual, he had just broken up with his girlfriend, and she was more than willing to explain exactly what occurred.

While on patrol COs Mark Zitnik and Calvin Smith observed a pair of fresh foot tracks alongside a closed trout stream. The COs followed the tracks for over a mile before making contact with a husband and wife that were enjoying the scenery. The wife was amazed that the COs were able to locate them so far from the road.

CO Calvin Smith patrolled the Au Train area for fishing activity. While at a local boat launch CO Smith observed a boat returning. A check of the fisherman's boat was conducted and the fisherman advised the CO they had caught a steelhead, coho and a brown trout. CO Smith advised the fisherman that they had actually caught a very nice splake instead of a brown, and also advised them that their boat registration was going to expire on March 31. The fisherman said he didn't even notice his registration was about to expire and thanked the CO for pointing it out.

CO Jon Busken was on patrol when he conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle for a registration plate violation. It was discovered the plate on the vehicle was actually for a different vehicle. The operator admitted to switching plates between vehicles. An unregistered handgun was also found in the vehicle. Citations were issued for operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration and for failing to register a handgun after purchasing it.

CO Bobby Watson was patrolling a local river when a young individual was encountered fishing in an area known for having quality northern pike, walleye and musky. CO Watson informed the young man that walleye, pike and musky season was closed and if he was to catch one of the named species he would be required to immediately release it. The young man said he was not very proficient at identifying his fish species and was not aware of any size limit regulations. CO Watson took the opportunity to educate the young man on fish identification and provided the fisherman with a current fishing guide to reference in the future.

COs Robert Freeborn and Ben Lasher were interviewing a suspect on an unrelated matter when they were invited into a subject's garage to talk. During the interview the COs noticed a salted spotted fawn hide hanging on the wall. When the COs asked the subject where he had obtained it, the subject became embarrassed and stated he forgot that was in the garage and that it was road kill from several years ago. The COs explained the law on possessing a spotted fawn. Enforcement action was taken and the hide was seized.

While conducting follow-up interviews from a fur harvest investigation, CO Robert Freeborn noticed a fur registration showed the subject had purchased a fur harvester license late in the afternoon last December and registered a fisher the very next day. CO Freeborn was able to locate the subject at his residence and asked how his trapping season was. The subject stated he was able to get a fisher. CO Freeborn then asked how many days it took him to get the fisher after the traps were set out. The subject stated at least a week. CO Freeborn then asked the subject when he had purchased his fur harvester license. The subject stated he didn't know but after further questioning the subject admitted to trapping for several weeks and when he got the fisher he purchased his license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pat Hartsig worked with CO Matt Liestenfeltz investigating several individuals for potential fur harvester violations. During their investigation violations were found through license sale history, along with fur-bearer registration history. Contacts were

made in the area and interviews were performed. Enforcement action was taken on 3 separate subjects for not immediately attaching kill tags to their animal. Several investigations continue.

CO Pat Hartsig attended a meeting in Stephenson with Forest Resource Division to answer questions about laws as they pertain to open burning and permits for burning. While checking for fishermen on Munising Bay, CO Mark Zitnik observed a vehicle with a PWC trailer blocking a boat launch for over an hour. While waiting for the rider to come off the water, the Sheriff's Office deployed their hover craft on the bay for a possible snowmobile stuck on the floating ice. After the Sheriff's Office spoke with the rider of the PWC and realizing it was not a snowmobiler CO Zitnik motioned the rider to come to shore. The CO advised that he could not keep his truck and trailer sitting on the boat launch. While ending his patrol the CO assisted a state trooper with a traffic stop and arrest of the driver of the vehicle for operating under the influence of drugs.

COs Mark Zitnik and Bob Hobkirk conducted a fur investigation and interviewed several trappers in the community about their possible trapping violations. The COs interviewed one subject who confessed to using his wife's marten/fisher tag to trap an extra marten. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers on Munising Bay late one evening, CO Mark Zitnik observed an angler rowing back to shore after fishing without any personal floatation devices on board for him and his partner. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Evink and Forest Service Officer Dave Tembral were patrolling the Haywire Grade trailhead and Manistique River area. The officers observed an elderly male subject crawling along a trail toward the Haywire Grade trail. The trail was coming from the location of the dam. The officers went to the subject to render assistance and recognized the subject as a double amputee disabled veteran from the community. They discovered he had rolled his OHV mobility device in a hole approximately 100 yards further down the trail. The officers recovered the machine and returned it to the individual who was uninjured. The officers assisted the individual back onto the mobility device so he could return home.

COs Michael Evink and Robert Freeborn participated in the annual Pigs vs. Punks basketball game. The game is the primary fundraiser for the Manistique High School senior all-nighter.

CO Kevin Postma checked a snowshoe hare hunter in the Ozark area. CO Postma noticed a very small fire in the snow next to the hunter and thought this to be rather peculiar. While talking with the hunter, CO Postma detected the odor of marijuana. After further investigation with regards to the marijuana, it was determined that the hunter had a significant amount of marijuana. The individual also had an expired medical marijuana card. The small fire was an attempt to cover the smell of the marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Lynch located a litter pile and launched an investigation to see if he could reveal any potential suspects. After several follow up interviews, CO Lynch was able to develop a suspect, conduct an interview and obtain a confession. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Lynch was on patrol when he observed a large group of ORV operators in a closed area. When making contact with the group, one ORV with two occupants fled the scene. Contact with the rest of the group was made. Upon interviewing the individuals, no one seemed to know the individuals who fled on the ORV. Several tickets were issued and several warnings were given for no ORV licenses, riding with no helmets, riding double, operating in a closed area and no ORV certificates.

CO Chris Lynch was following up on a fur harvester that was believed to have trapped a fisher without a kill tag. After interviewing the individual, enforcement action was taken for taking a fisher without a license.

## **DISTRICT 3**

CO Andrea Albert was patrolling Antrim County and found several large trash piles on state land. After digging through the piles, two suspects were developed. Both were interviewed and took responsibility for the litter. Enforcement action was taken and the subjects are required to clean up their trash.

CO Chad Baldwin attended a father/son weekend at Camp Daggett. He presented wilderness survival scenarios to the group and talked about the job duties of a conservation officer. A total of 56 people were in attendance.

CO Chad Baldwin and CO Steve Speigl responded to a complaint of illegal mud truck activity in the East Jordan area. Upon arrival, the trucks had left, however, the COs were able to track the trucks back to a residence and matched the tire treads. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling a creek with spawning rainbow trout, CO Mark DePew made a traffic stop on a vehicle with a spear in it. Although there were no spearing violations in progress, CO DePew found illegal narcotics in the subject's possession. He was arrested and the vehicle was impounded.

CO Matt Theunick investigated an incident where a subject had taken a Whitetail deer during the closed season. The investigation revealed that the suspect was a Sault Ste. Marie Tribal member. An incident report and evidence was turned over to tribal law enforcement for prosecution.

CO Eric Bottorff attended a career day at Wolverine High School, talking with many students about a career as a Michigan conservation officer.

CO Kelly Ross was investigating an unrelated fur harvester incident and while interviewing a subject he noticed multiple sets of deer antlers with 2015 kill tags. The subject admitted to shooting an over limit of deer and used another person's kill tag on the extra deer. Charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

CO Kelly Ross received a complaint that a truck was driving down the road with elk feet sticking out of the bed of the truck. CO Ross and CO Brad Bellville responded to the suspect's house in Onaway and contacted a hunter who had shot a buffalo and two pigs from a hunting enclosure in southern Michigan.

CO Bill Webster received a complaint of feral pigs being spotted in the backyard of a home owner. CO Webster checked the surrounding area and contacted a farmer who had pigs and was in the process of fortifying his pen due to his pigs escaping.

CO Bill Webster, Sgt. Joe Molnar and Michigan state troopers from the Alpena Post responded to a complaint of three missing kayakers. The officers were able to locate the kayakers and helped them retrieve their equipment. The kayakers had overestimated their abilities and had overturned in the cold and fast moving water. One of the subjects was transported to the hospital due to concerns of hypothermia.

### **DISTRICT 4**

CO Brian Brosky was advised of a complaint of a snowmobile trespass from Mason County dispatch. CO Brosky responded and found tracks from the apparent trespass and back-tracked the snowmobiles. CO Brosky found four snowmobiles operating down a railroad right of way. When CO Brosky stopped the group, he found that one operator was currently revoked and all four had registration violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky and CO Kyle Publiski were checking locations along the Pere Marquette River in Lake County for illegal fishing activity. The COs had received numerous complaints of trespassing and use of live bait in flies only section. The COs made contact with several groups of anglers navigating the river in vessels and on shore. While checking a riverboat, they found that the vessel was two life jackets short. They also made contact with two anglers who had trespassed across posted private property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky witnessed a group of four ORVs that were operating in a closed area in Lake County. After CO Brosky stopped them for their apparent violation, two additional legal operators pulled up and advised they had been operating with the group of four. As CO Brosky was explaining to everyone why he had stopped them, the two legal riders scolded their fellow riders stating, "We told you guys to stay out of there." Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky was patrolling Lake County near Tin Cup when he witnessed four ORVs operating in a closed area, one of which was completely stuck on the hill

climb. CO Brosky stopped the group, and after running the operators through LEIN, he found one rider was suspended and revoked. CO Brosky addressed the operation violations and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling on the Pere Marquette River where trespassing has been an issue for local landowners, when he heard an angry subject yelling expletives. CO Killingbeck walked around the front of a riverfront home only to find an angler who had built a campfire underneath a "no trespassing" sign and was yelling at his fly fishing rod. The angler then began beating his rod against "no trespassing" signs and throwing all of his gear at trees in the woods. A second trespassing angler appeared and attempted to calm the angry man down. CO Killingbeck made contact with both of the anglers and discussed the trespass issue with them. The CO ascertained that both men were having a bad day because they had lost \$45 worth of flies and hadn't caught a fish. Enforcement action was then taken for recreational trespass.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking fishing activity along the Pere Marquette River in Lake County when he observed three anglers arrive in a boat and get out in an area marked with "no trespassing" signs. The anglers got out of their boat and walked around the signs to urinate in view of a river front home. CO Killingbeck contacted the anglers and numerous violations were addressed.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking the Pere Marquette River for fishing activity when he observed a subject trespassing on private property. CO Killingbeck made contact with the subject and immediately smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the subject. CO Killingbeck obtained the marijuana from the angler and asked the subject for a fishing license. After digging through his wallet, the angler stated he "must have forgotten it". A check through retail sales revealed that no purchases were made since 2013. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck took a complaint of a hunter who was trespassing on private property with his beagle while rabbit hunting. CO Killingbeck talked with the complainant who advised the hunter was carrying a loaded shotgun and had admittedly killed several rabbits on her property. CO Killingbeck was able to locate the hunter who initially stated he was retrieving his dog, but then admitted to trespassing. After further questioning, the hunter also stated he had been told to stay off the complainant's property before. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck observed a vehicle that failed to stop for a stop sign at a main intersection near Baldwin. While following the vehicle, CO Killingbeck observed the driver cross the yellow line twice and could see that the driver was not wearing a seatbelt. CO Killingbeck stopped the vehicle, and upon contacting the driver, he was told "I didn't think COs could pull people over". CO Killingbeck advised the driver that he was a peace officer in Michigan and could definitely stop him for a driving infraction. The driver then told CO Killingbeck that his seatbelt would not latch anymore, hence the reason he does not wear one. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck worked a routine patrol on the Pere Marquette River when he encountered one boat that had no personal floatation devices on it and another boat that was short of personal floatation devices. CO Killingbeck advised both parties of the importance of having lifejackets, especially when water temperatures are still frigid. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking private property on the Pere Marquette River for trespass activity when he observed two subjects walking through posted private property. Upon making contact with the subjects, both anglers told CO Killingbeck that they had seen the "no trespassing" signs but were just following a trail through the woods. They both figured that if everyone else does it, they can too. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking fishing sites in Lake County, CO Josiah Killingbeck observed a vehicle drive thru the access site and noticed that the driver was not wearing a seatbelt. CO Killingbeck stopped the vehicle and the driver said that he did not think he was driving fast enough to need a seatbelt. After CO Killingbeck asked for the registration and proof of insurance, the driver admitted he had no insurance for the vehicle and said he had taken the plate off another vehicle that he owned and placed it on this one to make it look legal. The driver said he had been driving it like this since November of 2015. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Lake County Jail.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking for illegal fishing activity after dark in Lake County when he observed a slow moving vehicle that made several traffic violations. CO Killingbeck stopped the vehicle and the passenger immediately jumped out and began yelling "what's wrong?" CO Killingbeck ordered the clearly intoxicated subject back into the vehicle only to discover that he was in possession of open intoxicants. CO Killingbeck also discovered the driver was driving with an expired license and was in possession of marijuana. The driver was arrested and lodged in the Lake County Jail. The passenger was cited for open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

CO Steve Converse noticed a group of vehicles parked on a side road in Manistee County and decidedly investigated. Three vehicles were stopped in the middle of the roadway with all occupants outside of the vehicles. When CO Converse made contact, it was apparent that most of the individuals were extremely intoxicated yet only one individual out of seven admitted to driving to that location. CO Converse collected all identifications, and after an investigation he found that one of the vehicles had left the roadway and they were all gathered there to help tow the vehicle from the ditch. CO Converse advised that only one valid driver, who had not been drinking, could leave the scene and told the rest to walk home. As soon as they believed CO Converse was out of sight, one highly intoxicated individual got in his car and sped from the scene. With the assistance of COs Sam Koscinski and Bill Haskin, they located the driver operating down in a two-track roadway. Sobrieties were administered and the driver was lodged at the Manistee County Jail for his third offense of operating while intoxicated.

CO Steve Converse and CO Sam Koscinski were working on the Manistee River when they came across a drift boat with two anglers. They checked the anglers for fishing licenses and when they were asked for life jackets, it was discovered that there were no personal floatation devices onboard. A check of the two anglers in LEIN revealed that one had a misdemeanor warrant for failing to appear on a driving while license suspended charge and the second angler had suspended driving privileges. The COs issued a citation for not having personal floatation devices onboard and advised the two anglers that once they arrived at the boat launch to call for a driver as both were unable to operate a vehicle.

While patrolling the Osceola/Clare County line, CO Ethan Gainforth observed a suspicious vehicle traveling down a seasonal road. CO Gainforth observed the vehicle turn and head eastbound back towards Osceola County. While looking through binoculars, CO Gainforth observed the vehicle stop next to a Kubota side-by-side ORV and make contact with the driver. It appeared that the driver slipped out of the seat of the side-by-side and almost fell to the ground. CO Gainforth observed the very unusual behavior and made haste to get to the Kubota. Upon making contact with the driver of the side-by-side, CO Gainforth asked him if he had any medical issues and the driver mumbled "no." CO Gainforth smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the driver. CO Gainforth ran the subject's file and found that his driver's license was suspended and was on probation with a prior alcohol conviction.CO Gainforth performed sobriety tests on the subject and the subject failed all of them. The subject was found to be over five times the legal limit. CO Troy Mueller assisted CO Gainforth in taking the heavily intoxicated subject into custody and placing him in his patrol truck. CO Mueller contacted the family to return the Kubota while CO Gainforth transported the subject to the Mid-Michigan Medical Center of Clare where a search warrant was obtained for a blood draw and the subject was medically cleared. The subject was lodged at the Clare County Jail for operating while intoxicated with a high blood alcohol content (2<sup>nd</sup> offense) and driving while license suspended.

CO Angela Greenway was working an area of Mecosta County that is a known ORV trespass area of a county gravel pit and Consumers Energy property. While CO Greenway was contacting one group in the gravel pit another group went by with subjects riding double, no helmets and heading into a closed area. CO Greenway was able to finish the first contact and catch up with the second. After just a couple hours in the area, CO Greenway had numerous contacts and tickets including driving on a suspended driver's license, ORV trespass, operating in a closed area, and no helmets.

CO Angela Greenway was checking the dam in Rogers Heights when she spotted a vehicle parked there. The walleye spawning closure was in affect and this is a known spot for walleye to be at this time of year. CO Greenway made contact with the subject fishing and he stated that he had just got there and had not caught any fish. While talking with the subject, CO Greenway saw a stringer hanging off a branch into the water near the subject. When CO Greenway questioned the subject what was on the stringer, he then admitted that he had caught a walleye and that he was going to let it go. CO Greenway educated the subject on immediate release. The walleye was

measured and discovered it was under the legal limit to keep even if walleye season was open. The walleye was returned to the river and enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Wells received a complaint that a subject had located two box type body gripping trap sets on a local Newaygo County stream. CO Wells met with the complainant and inspected the box sets and it was obvious that the traps were designed for mink trapping. Due to the fact that mink season was closed two weeks prior, CO Wells proceeded to the location that the complainant had located the traps. CO Wells checked the area and located two more box sets that were not sprung. Inspection of the four traps revealed that two were not properly tagged. CO Wells made contact with the trapper and discovered that he forgot about the traps and he had not checked them since mid-January. A citation was issued to the trapper for untagged traps with a warning issued for the out of season violation. CO Wells explained to the trapper that he was lucky because if a mink had been caught and gone to waste he would also be required to pay restitution for each animal lost. All of the traps were empty when located.

Acting Sgt. Ben Shively responded with Department of Natural Resources fire officer Ray Cole to assist Hesperia Fire Department with a fire that had escaped control and was spreading into a field and wood line in Oceana County. A subject was burning trash and high winds carried the flames into the dry grass which quickly spread. As fire officer Cole dug a line around the fire with the bulldozer, Acting Sgt. Shively worked the back burn of the fire that was headed towards the residence. Once the fire was put out, 6.3 acres had been burned. The subject who had set the trash on fire was cited for allowing fire to escape control.

Acting Sgt. Ben Shively was assisting the Oceana County Sheriff's Office with tracking a stolen ORV from a breaking and entering by following the tracks thru federal land when he observed fresh tracks from an additional ORV that were tearing up the Forest Service roads. Acting Sgt. Shively and a deputy located the two subjects on an ORV who were now stopped at a popular "party spot" on federal land and were drinking beers and throwing the cans into a tree. The operator of the ORV was cited for operating in a closed area and issued verbal warnings for double riding and littering.

## **DISTRICT 5**

CO Hudson and CO Russell received a complaint of an angler keeping walleye during the closed season on the Rifle River. The COs conducted a foot patrol and contacted the suspect and asked if he had caught any fish. At first the angler stated he caught one sucker but threw it back. The COs continued talking with the angler and when asked about a walleye he admitted to keeping it during the closed season. The angler retrieved the walleye from the back seat of his vehicle and handed it to the COs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Huspen attended a career fair at the Grayling High School. CO Huspen spoke with approximately 80 students who were interested in a career path of becoming a Michigan conservation officer.

CO John Huspen assisted the Crawford County Sheriff's Office in the search and rescue effort of two subjects lost in a swamp in southern Crawford County. CO Huspen was able to utilize his GPS with information gained by dispatch by tracking the subject's cell phone. CO Huspen was able to locate the subjects and lead them out of the swamp to the waiting EMS. Although cold, both of the subjects were in good health.

CO John Huspen and Sgt. Jeremy Payne assisted the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and the Michigan State Police in locating a suicidal subject who fled his residence. The subject was located on state land and agreed to speak with professional help about his depression.

COs Brian Olsen and Kyle Bader taught a hunter education class held at Surline Middle School in West Branch. There were approximately 50 students in attendance.

CO Kyle Bader responded to a complaint by a landlord who was cleaning out a rental house that a tenant had recently vacated. When they looked inside a chest freezer left in the garage, they were surprised to find nearly the entire carcass of a deer. CO Bader was able to track down the tenant and ask about the deer. During the interview, the man admitted to killing a 5-point buck back in November before purchasing his deer license. The man is being charged with taking a deer without a license through the prosecutor's office.

COs Warren MacNeill, Casey Pullum and Josh Russell assisted the Alcona County Sheriff's Office with a complaint of a suicidal subject in the Glennie area. The subject left a note, removed valuable items of jewelry and walked from his cabin area into the woods. After a number of hours, law enforcement was able to locate the subject alive and well. He was found walking down the road after dark in the pouring rain. Eventually, CO MacNeill transported the subject to the hospital in Alpena where he was petitioned for review by hospital staff.

CO Warren MacNeill was patrolling Alcona County when he noticed a truck near the Pine River and tracks leading off into the woods. CO MacNeill was able to locate and make contact with two subjects fishing a closed trout stream. Further investigation revealed that one of the anglers had a prior conviction with the DNR for the same violation a few years earlier. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 6**

In 2013 Sgt. Ron Kimmerly was requested to assist Montana Warden Andy Martin in a case where two Michigan residents were involved in the illegal shooting of two mountain lions while on a guided hunt in Montana. Back in 2013 the Sgt. interviewed the suspects, obtained confessions and seized numerous photos and videos of the hunt.

The hunters agreed to testify against the outfitter and the two hounds-men for taking hunters into closed no hunt areas and in zones which were not part of their hunt unit. These hunts included mountain lion, elk and deer. A total of 38 charges were issued between the three guides. The case was prosecuted by the Montana Attorney General's Office and recently came to close. The outfitter lost his Montana outfitting license for life, lost his personal hunting privileges for 30 months, was ordered to do community service and paid over \$6,000.00 in reimbursement for the mountain lions. The two hounds-men also lost their hunting and trapping privileges for 30 months along with a \$2,000.00 fine each and community service.

While on patrol in the Maple River State Game Area in Gratiot County, CO Jill Berry assisted a Deputy Sheriff with a vehicle crash on 127. The vehicle crossed the median and went through oncoming traffic, missed the guard rail and went down into a large ditch and hit a tree. Upon arrival the female subject was combative and confused on what happened. The CO and the deputy helped the subject stay calm and provided first aid until medical staff arrived on scene.

While on patrol in Gratiot County, CO Jill Berry stopped an ORV on a county road for not having an ORV license. The subject stated she was headed to work and upset that she got stopped. The subject was educated on the rules and regulations and a ticket was issued.

While on patrol in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell tried to make a stop on an ORV operator that was speeding down the center of the road and not wearing a helmet. The ORV operator drove off road through multiple pieces of private property to avoid the stop. The CO was able to follow tracks made by the ORV and located the machine hidden on state land. The machine was impounded and the investigation is ongoing.

While on a recent patrol, CO Kyle Bucholtz stopped an ORV for operating on a highway. The driver and passenger were both without helmets and the ORV was without an ORV license. Upon speaking with the driver, CO Bucholtz learned his driver's license was suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bucholtz responded to an illegal burn complaint. The suspect was burning building material in his front yard. CO Bucholtz spoke with the suspect and enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright received a call from the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office about a possible grave in the Murphy Lake Game area. CO Wright met up with the complainant and they went approximately three quarters of a mile into the game area. The sight was an approximately six foot by three foot sunken in area. When CO Wright started digging for evidence it was discovered that the ground was not disturbed. After looking around the area a fire pit was discovered. The conclusion was made that an area was cleared out for a tent.

CO Seth Rhodea responded to a complaint of a large fire that included many tires being burned. Upon arriving on scene CO Rhodea observed approximately 50 tires that had been burned along with numerous other items that were illegal to burn. A citation was issued to address numerous burning violations.

CO Mark Siemen received a complaint involving a subject that was trying to hit Canada Geese with a motor vehicle. The complainant advised that while driving he observed a truck swerving into the opposite lane of travel to attempt to hit geese that were on the side of the road. CO Siemen made contact with the suspect. After questioning the suspect, he was advised that a report would be completed and submitted to the local Prosecutor's Office for possible charges.

CO Mark Siemen while patrolling in Delaware Township, Sanilac County, stopped three ORVs that were driving on the roadway. Before stopping the four wheelers CO Siemen observed that the four wheelers had been on the road prior to the stop, driving carelessly and tearing the gravel up creating ruts on the roadway. CO Siemen waited for the machines to come off property they were trespassing on to speak with the subjects. A stop was conducted and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Siemen received a call from a Sanilac County Deputy advising that he was out on a complaint involving a possible wounded eagle just east of the village of Applegate. CO Siemen responded and spoke further with the Deputy, who advised that the eagle had been standing just off the road for the last two days, and it did not want to leave the area. During the investigation by CO Siemen it was determined that the eagle was not injured. The eagle was eating from a dead deer carcass and did not want to leave. The eagle was checked on multiple times for a couple days and the eagle still appeared alright, and still eating from the dead deer carcass.

CO Mike Haas and Dan Robinson were asked to present to the park and recreation student organization at Central Michigan University. The COs talked to the students about the job, fielded questions about game and fish and provided some guidance for a few of the students who were interested in becoming COs.

While traveling back from a Belle Isle shift, CO Dan Robinson approached a vehicle pulling a boat trailer on I-96. The boat and trailer appeared to be sitting off-level and after a closer look, the CO could see that the vehicle, traveling near 70 MPH was pulling a trailer with a tire missing. The CO initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the driver. The driver and passenger were returning from fishing when they blew a tire, replaced it and claimed that the new tire only lasted ten miles, they said they were aware that the tire was missing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Haas received information that an individual had an injured duck in his yard. CO Haas went to the residence, located the bird in a barn and was able to identify it as a male horned grebe. The grebe was collected and transported to a nearby wildlife rehabilitation center.

CO Will Brickel was on patrol watching anglers at the Monitor Township Park for possible over limits of walleye when he noticed a fisherman who was packing his things up to go home. As he was walking along the river towards the parking lot, he threw his beer can in the cattails. Enforcement action was taken.

#### **DISTRICT 7**

CO Greg Patten responded to a report all poaching complaint of a tree stand left on US Forest Service property after the season. A very large amount of bait had been left at the hunting site. CO Patten was able to locate the suspect who admitted to leaving the stand out after the season and putting out more than the legal limit of two gallons of bait. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling for illegal ORV activity, CO Greg Patten observed two subjects operating motorcycles in a closed area. Upon contact, one operator did not have protective eyewear, did not have a trail permit, and did not have a spark arrester muffler. Both operators had not properly titled their motorcycles. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten assisted the Michigan State Police with a fleeing motorcyclist in Muskegon County. The subject was located after he crashed his motorcycle. No one was injured and the cyclist was arrested.

CO Greg Patten responded to a littering complaint in the Manistee National Forest. The complainant called about a homeless person camping and maybe leaving his trash. CO Patten made contact and determined that the subject was indeed homeless and had already been contacted by a United States Forest Service officer. CO Patten told the subject to clean his camp up or he would be cited for littering.

CO Greg Patten received a call from CO Mike Wells stating that he saw someone was trying to sell hawk feathers on an online auction site in Muskegon. CO Patten followed up and seized the feathers. CO Patten then interviewed the suspect who put them up for sale. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten located numerous ORV violations while on patrol in northern Muskegon County. Seven tickets were written to subjects operating ORVs in closed areas in the Manistee National Forest.

COs David Rodgers and Cary Foster made contact with a subject and his wife in Ionia County to inquire about otter they sold in 2012. After interviewing the subject and his wife they admitted to taking an over limit of otter. The subject registered three otter that he caught in Ionia County but stated that he had caught them up north where it is legal to take three otter. He also admitted to using his wife's license for taking extra limits. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Ulberg, while patrolling state land in Kent County, came upon a group of individuals who had tried to climb over a dirt berm in a truck to access a closed trail in a state game area. The driver was unsuccessful and the truck became "high centered" and severely stuck. The individuals were frantically trying to dig the truck out as CO Ulberg pulled up behind them. Contact was made with the driver and enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling state land in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg discovered a vehicle stuck in a large mud pit off the designated road on state land. CO Ulberg noticed a subject sitting in the passenger seat, but the driver seat was empty. Contact was made with the passenger who advised that her husband had left to get another vehicle to pull out the stuck vehicle. Upon the driver's return, CO Ulberg addressed the violation and enforcement action was taken.

CO Tyler Cole and CO Jeff Robinette participated at the Southwest Michigan College Law Enforcement Career Day and gave presentations to approximately 85 high school students that expressed an interest in law enforcement.

CO Brad Brewer checked a spot along the St. Joseph River system and located two subjects that were fishing. One of the subjects was subsequently cited for fishing without a license.

CO Andy Bauer and CO Steve Mooney conducted a marine patrol on Lake Michigan and checked a large number of fishermen trolling for Coho salmon. Unfortunately, the fishing was slow and the COs located four separate boats where the fishermen were fishing with too many lines. Four citations were issued for fishing with too many lines.

CO Jeff Robinette spoke at a hunter safety class in Cass County, speaking to approximately 20 students about hunting laws and the duties of a conservation officer.

CO Richard Cardenas worked illegal off-roading activity in the Yankee Springs and Barry State Game areas utilizing both overt and covert patrol strategies. Several citations were issued to persons operating illegally in the area.

CO Paul Higashi attended a career day at Kalamazoo Valley Community College where he spoke with more than 25 persons regarding conservation officer duties and the requirements of becoming a conservation officer.

#### **DISTRICT 8**

CO Daniel Prince responded to a land and water complaint in Howell. The complainant reported that there where hundreds of loads of dirt being dump into a wetland area near some new homes being built. CO Prince was able to make contact with the building project manager. It was learned that the dirt was being used to back fill the foundations on the homes and there was no encroachment into the wetlands nearby.

CO Mike Drexler was checking anglers along the Huron River in Ypsilanti when he noticed one angler down the river start to check his bucket after seeing him. As CO Drexler approached, the angler stated he was glad to see him because he was wondering if walleye were in season. When CO Drexler informed him that the season was closed, the angler asked if he could put his walleye back. Not only did the angler possess two walleye during the closed season, one was undersized. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler was on his way home from a first aid training session when he observed a large amount of black smoke coming from behind a business in Washtenaw County. CO Drexler tracked the smoke to a large pile of wood chips and rolls of carpet burning behind the business. DNR Dispatchers were able to contact one of the owners of the business by phone and had him meet the CO at the business. CO Drexler's investigation revealed the subject was burning scrap carpet rolls, tires, and household furniture including a full sized couch. Enforcement action was taken and the subject was ordered to extinguish the fire.

CO Mike Drexler was checking anglers along the Huron River in Washtenaw County when he contacted two subjects fishing without licenses. One of the subjects had not purchased a fishing license since 2014 and the other had no license purchase history. During the contact one subject stated he was told he only needed a license if he was fishing from a boat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben contacted two individuals fishing in a small boat on the Huron River at Barton Pond. The woman fishing in the front of the boat did not have a fishing license. In fact, she had never purchased one despite admitting to fishing the last several years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben was returning home at the end of the day from training in Clinton County when he was passed by a pickup truck traveling at a high rate of speed. CO Hartleben sped up and paced the vehicle at 67 mph for approximately one mile before initiating a traffic stop. The operator was issued a citation for speeding for driving 67 in a 50 mph zone.

CO Andrew Monnich was working an evening patrol In Lenawee County when he noticed a vehicle traveling without any lights on in the dark. CO Monnich contacted the driver who was taking her three children home and stated she had never driven her vehicle in the dark and did not know how to turn the head lights on. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds attended North Adams High School to talk with approximately 40 students interested in a career as a conservation officer. CO Reynolds explained the hiring process, the academy, and all the specialized training a conservation officer receives. CO Reynolds also answered several questions about hunting, fishing, ORV, snowmobiling, and boating.

CO Chris Reynolds while on patrol, finally caught up with a subject from the 2015 deer season. The subject had shot a deer during the firearm deer season, but never purchased a combo tag or deer license. The subject was very open about taking a deer and showed it to the officer stating, "It's the largest deer I have ever taken." The officer advised the subject that he knew he didn't have a license and he would have to seize the deer and charges would be sought for taking a deer without a license.

CO Chris Reynolds observed a group of ORVs operating on a local road. A stop was conducted on the group with several violations observed. Enforcement action was taken along with a couple verbal warnings.

CO Joshua Jackson responded to a follow-up complaint from the 2015 hunting season where a subject reportedly shot an antlerless deer, and purchased the license afterwards. CO Jackson discovered the subject had shot 4 deer total in the 2015 hunting season with one antlerless tag purchased after the deer was harvested. A confession was obtained and enforcement action was taken.

COs Isaac Tyson and Josh Jackson assisted the Bronson Fire Department with a local grass fire. The COs helped provide security while interviews were conducted.

CO Isaac Tyson investigated two geese shot on a pond in Hillsdale County. A necropsy discovered bullet fragments from what appeared to be a small caliber rifle. The case is under investigation.

CO Isaac Tyson was contacted by a local hunter who stated that while chasing rabbits, his beagle was caught in a snare on nearby public property. After an investigation the trapper was located and questioned. The trapper admitted to placing coyote snares on public property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols responded to a complaint about a sick deer in Clinton County. CO Nickols and the landowner located the deer that had become stuck in a pond. CO Nickols was able to dispatch the deer and submit it to the wildlife disease lab for testing.

CO Matt Neterer assisted CO Adam Bailey from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources with an investigation of a buck that was taken illegally using an Indiana resident hunting license, when the suspect was a resident of Michigan. CO Neterer conducted an interview with the suspect in Lansing while CO Bailey simultaneously conducted interviews with suspects in Indiana. CO Neterer obtained a confession from the suspect for shooting a seven point buck in Indiana with his bow. CO Bailey will be seeking charges for two Class C misdemeanors for failure to procure a non-resident deer license, and providing false information to a check station.

#### **DISTRICT 9**

CO David Schaumburger received an in progress report all poaching complaint of subjects keeping undersize and out of season walleye. CO Schaumburger arrived just

in the nick of time because the suspect had given the fish to another subject who was leaving the park and almost at the vehicle to leave. CO Schaumburger made contact with the subject and located three undersize and out of season walleye hidden in two different plastic bags in the bottom of a camo fold up hunting blind chair. The woman holding the chair, who was walking with her boyfriend, stated that a man asked if she would take the fish for her. The woman gave a description of the man, which matched the original complainant's description. CO Schaumburger met the suspect at his fishing spot and was able to get a confession on the walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

COs David Schaumburger and James Zellinger were patrolling the Detroit River when they came upon a boat with two adults and two children. Upon making contact, the COs observed a young child wearing an oversized adult life jacket. The COs asked the adults how old the youngest child was, and they stated 5 years old. CO Schaumburger asked the captain to produce enough life jackets for the boat, who only came up with a total of three jackets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Raymond Gardner patrolled to Lake Erie Metro Park Boat Launch. While there he made contact with several fishermen going to and coming back from walleye fishing. Of the 20+ boats coming in from fishing CO Gardner only saw five walleye between three boats and 30 perch between a separate two boats. Most boats came back empty handed with complaints of cold weather. All fishermen had fishing licenses. CO Gardner found a few marine safety violations ranging from expired fire extinguishers to missing throwable personal floatation devices. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Raymond Gardner was dispatched to the Taylor Police Department for a prisoner transport. The prisoner had a misdemeanor warrant for Possession of Marijuana while on Belle Isle. CO Gardner transported and lodged the subject at the Detroit Detention Facility without incident.

CO Brad Silorey reports that he received a disposition from the court on an over limit of yellow perch case. The angler, who was 108 perch over the limit, was charged \$1,080 in reimbursement along with \$200 in fines and costs. All fines were paid in full by the angler.

COs Brad Silorey and Kris Kiel were on patrol checking the back roads of Macomb County. COs Silorey and Kiel spotted an MSP Trooper on a traffic stop down the road and wanted to check to make sure the Trooper was secure with the stop. Upon stopping, the Trooper was removing several firearms from the vehicle he had stopped, and had the driver detained. In total the suspect had 6 long guns, 2 hand guns, 1 machete, and a duffle back full of Russian ammunition. The suspect also had a current felony warrant out for her arrest for larceny with the use of electronic device. The suspect was arrested for the felony warrant and will also be charged with carrying a concealed weapon by MSP.

CO Matthew Zultak noticed a pattern of fresh bonfire ashes every Saturday morning for the past month in the Lapeer State Game area. The ashes had remnants of plastic and furniture mixed in it. On Friday night, CO Zultak located three trucks with pallets and a couch in the back. CO Zultak informed the subjects it was illegal to burn that material, and they could not have a bonfire in the state game area. The subjects agreed not to have a fire and left. Approximately an hour later, CO Zultak located the same subjects in a secluded parking lot burning the couch. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Zultak located three subjects riding ORVs off the roadway within the Lapeer State Game Area. Two subjects were riding double and one subject was under age and did not possess an ORV license. CO Zultak followed the subjects back to their residence, and spoke to the guardians. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeremy Beavers received a tip that someone was fishing from Atwood Stadium in downtown Flint using artificial bait during the closed season for walleye. CO Beavers notified CO Justin Muehlhauser who was closer to check it out. CO Muehlhauser arrived and observed a man matching the description with an artificial lure attached to his line. The man noticed the CO and immediately set his pole down and walked up the stairs to separate him from the pole. The angler said that he had to get his fishing license from his vehicle. CO Muehlhauser checked his fishing license which was valid. CO Muehlhauser informed the man that he noticed him using a lure. The man said that he was using a rapala. CO Muehlhauser explained that the use of artificial bait was closed in the Flint River at this time. The angler claimed that he didn't know even though he fishes the river frequently. Enforcement action taken

CO Justin Muehlhauser noticed a man operating a pit bike on the shoulder of McKinley Rd. in Montrose Twp. CO Muehlhauser stopped the ORV for operating on the roadway and not wearing a helmet. The man stated that he was just working on the bike and wanted to take it for a test drive. The bike was in showroom condition. CO Muehlhauser asked him what year the bike was. He said that it was a 2016 and he just bought it brand new. CO Muehlhauser asked him what he was working on if it was brand new. He didn't have a good answer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on patrol in Oakland County when he spotted a large amount of black smoke crossing a main road. While trying to determine where the smoke was originating, CO Griffin noticed that the smoke had a smell similar to that of burning plastic and/or rubber. While driving down the street where the smoke appeared to be coming from, CO Griffin noticed that the local fire department was on scene. While approaching the large fire pit CO Griffin noticed one subject using an oil catch pan to fill with water to extinguish the fire. CO Griffin asked the subject what he was burning. The subject stated he was burning apple wood. CO Griffin noticed the subject was slurring his words and stumbling as he walked to and from the garden hose to fill the oil pan. When asked if he put anything on the fire to cause large amounts of black smoke, the subject stated he is putting water on the fire and demanded CO Griffin to leave his property. CO Griffin informed the subject that there is what appeared to be a large flat screen television under the apple wood. The subject became very defensive while denying anything but apple wood in the fire. The subject told CO Griffin that he had no authority and to leave his property. CO Griffin explained to the subject he is in violation

of a misdemeanor offense and that is why he, as well as the fire department, is on his property. Due to the subject's behavior, the firefighters called for local police to back CO Griffin up. The subject refused to give CO Griffin his name multiple times before giving a false name and date of birth. While CO Griffin was verifying the name the subject gave him, the subject pulled the television out of the fire pit and hid it in another building. After two local police officers arrived, the subject gave his correct identification. The fire was extinguished and enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Oakland County, CO Jacob Griffin received a complaint that two subjects were urinating from their boat and keeping a lot of fish. CO Griffin proceeded to a public boat launch where the suspects may have entered the lake. Waiting out of sight CO Griffin was able to approach two subjects as they were loading their boat. CO Griffin asked for the two subjects' fishing licenses and IDs. After verifying their fishing licenses, CO Griffin asked the subjects what kind of fish they caught and how many. The subjects stated that they caught 50 crappie. CO Griffin noticed they had fish in a bucket and in their live well. CO Griffin started counting the fish on board. After counting all the fish, CO Griffin discovered that the two subjects were in procession of 107 sunfish and three undersized bass. CO Griffin informed the subjects that they possessed more than double their limit of sunfish, the largemouth bass were under sized, and bass season was closed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin received a complaint that an ice shanty was floating in the water in Cass Lake in Oakland County. CO Griffin made several attempts to contact the subject using a phone number he noted from the shanty earlier in the year. CO Griffin was familiar with the shanty because he tried to contact the subject multiple times to inform him that the way he displayed his name and the ink he used to hand write his name and phone number was not legally sufficient. Further investigation revealed that the subject lived at one of three addresses in Lapeer County. CO Griffin notified CO Matthew Zultak about the issue. CO Zultak made several attempts to contact the subject at one of the addresses. CO Zultak was able to verify a vehicle at one of the addresses belonged to the responsible subject. After several phone call attempts, CO Zultak was able to make contact with the subject and set up a place and time to meet. COs Griffin and Zultak met with the subject in Lapeer, the subject admitted to placing the shanty on the ice and leaving it. The two COs informed the subject that he did not properly display his name and address on all sides of the shanty, he failed to remove his shanty prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>, and knowingly leaving the shanty in the lake constitutes littering. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on patrol in Oakland County when he noticed a few people fishing from the Oakland Lake access site. During his fishing checks, CO Griffin made contact with one subject who appeared to have a large amount of pan fish in a bucket. CO Griffin counted the pan fish and found that the subject was in possession of 34 sunfish. CO Griffin informed the subject that he was over his daily limit of sunfish. Enforcement action taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on patrol at Dodge Park # 4 in Oakland County when he was flagged down by a park officer. Park Officer Andrew Skindell was with a subject who had been smoking marijuana and was in possession of marijuana on his person. Park Officer Skindell informed CO Griffin that the subject stated that he had no identification and his vehicle did not belong to him. CO Griffin asked the subject for some sort of identification. The subject gave CO Griffin a consulate identification card from Mexico. While PO Skindell informed the subject of the laws regarding the use and possession of controlled substances in the park, CO Griffin contacted the U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Detroit. They informed CO Griffin that the subject is illegally in the United States and did not have a valid identification or driver's license to operate a motor vehicle. Within 45 minutes a border patrol agent arrived to take the subject into custody and enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Genesee County, CO Jeremy Beavers checked anglers at several popular fishing spots. During one check in the City of Flint, CO Beavers checked anglers near Atwood Stadium. CO Beavers made contact with one subject who was unable to produce a fishing license. After checking the angler's records, it was learned that he has not purchased a fishing license since 2013. The angler was cited for fishing without a license. After completing his patrol of the Flint River in the city, CO Beavers checked activity on Mott Lake. CO Beavers made contact with an angler fishing near Mott Dam off of Bray Road. The angler was fishing alone and had two lines in the water. During contact CO Beavers learned the subject did not have a fishing license. The subject was also warned in the past about fishing without a license. The subject was cited for fishing without a license. Finally, CO Beavers checked activity at Holloway Dam. CO Beavers made contact with another subject who was fishing without a license. The subject admitted to not having one immediately upon contact. Enforcement action taken

## **BELLE ISLE**

COs Pete Purdy and Ray Gardner were flagged down by a civilian who stated that she witnessed three subjects enter the old police station on Belle Isle. One of the front doors was unlocked. A search of the building was conducted and it was found to be empty. Parks Division arrived on scene and secured the building.

CO Mike Drexler worked a Belle Isle shift with CO Ken Kovach. CO Drexler assisted CO Kovach who made two traffic stops both involving outstanding warrants and suspended drivers.

CO Chris Reynolds while working a midnight shift conducted several traffic stops on the island during closed hours. The subjects were advised to leave the Isle immediately as the park closes at 10:00 P.M. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster worked a Belle Isle shift and encountered several youth skateboarding on the fountain. An education was given about respecting the old landmark.